



**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES OF ACTIONS  
Wednesday, June 12, 2013  
Art Pick Council Chambers  
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

**5:30 PM – SPECIAL MEETING**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Regular Meeting Roll Call**

Rotker	VACANT	Ybarra	Taylor	Ortiz	Jackson	Roberts	Maciel	Adams
✓	X	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Present    **B** = Absent / Business    **S** = Absent / Sick    **V** = Absent / Vacation    **O** = Absent / Other  
**UE** = Absent / Unexcused    **L** = Late    **LE** = Left Early    **■** = Vacant

**STAFF:** Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

**Public Comment**

Public comment on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

There were no public comments.

**Pablo Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation**

Continued discussion and action, if any, on the Pablo OID case evaluation. The Commission has completed Stage II (Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation), Stage III (Policy and Procedure Process), Stage IV (Deliberation and Finding Process), and Stage V (Recommendation Process). Stage VI (Written Public Report) is currently under way, but the Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

Commissioner Rotker said it was a good report.

Commissioner Adams agreed, but asked that the sentence located at the top of Pg. 5, "Moreover, the general use of the MDT is not prohibited by law or RPD policy," be modified to more accurately reflect VC§ 21055 which does note that MDTs should only be used in an emergency.

Chairwoman Roberts said she thought that the title of VC§ 23123.5 was incorrect and that it should be corrected.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
That the Pablo OID Public Report be approved with the noted changes.	Rotker	Adams	Rotker Ortiz Jackson Maciel Roberts Adams	0	Taylor

Chairwoman Roberts advised that Administrative Review of the Pablo OID would be agendized for the next meeting.

#### **Romo Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation**

Continued discussion and action, if any, on the Romo OID case evaluation. The Commission has completed Stage II (Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation) and Stage III (Policy and Procedure Process) and Stage IV (Deliberation and Finding Process). The Commission may continue discussion of Stage V (Recommendation Process) while Stage VI (Written Public Report) has been started. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

Commissioner Rotker said the report was well-written, but had no suggestion for the rationale. He said he thought there would be some discussion regarding policy recommendations.

Mr. Hauptmann suggested holding off on making any policy recommendations until after the Administrative Review.

Vice-Chair Jackson said she didn't have a problem with the SOP, but felt the issue of the vests should be addressed and that she would wait to make recommendations until after her review of the Administrative report

Commissioner Adams said she was uncomfortable making policy recommendations regarding ammunition.

Chairwoman Roberts said she was wavering about whether or not the public should know what policy recommendations are made.

Commissioner Rotker said each commissioner has to judge how comfortable they are with various issues. He said he thought that Vice-Chair Jackson's recommendations had already been handled by the RPD.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
That the Romo OID Public Report be approved with no recommendations.	Rotker	Ortiz	Rotker Ortiz Jackson Maciel Roberts Adams	0	Taylor

Chairwoman Roberts advised that Administrative Review of the Romo OID would be agendized for the next meeting.

### **Ledezma Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation**

Discussion and action, if any, on the Ledezma OID case evaluation. The Commission has been instructed to begin Stage I (Commission Member Review) and may move on to discussion of Stage II (Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation). The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

Commissioner Rotker asked if it was premature to request fact sheet.

Mr. Hauptmann said he was in the process of drafting it. He reminded commissioners that they would still need to review the case information. He said that he highlighted important areas that the Commission would base their opinions on and suggested holding off on making any policy recommendations until after the Administrative Review.

Commissioner Rotker said that he had read the report, could begin discussion, and was ready for the fact sheet. He said that case deals with officers' response to a domestic violence incident, that the officers confronted Mr. Ledezma regarding the incident. Commissioner Rotker said that, through the course of the incident, he felt the officers handled the incident appropriately.

Vice-Chair Jackson said she didn't have a problem with the SOP, but felt the issue of the vests should be addressed and that she would wait to make recommendations until after her review of the Administrative report

Commissioner Ortiz said he would like a presentation on how officers are trained to deal with confronting suspects with weapons.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would talk to Lt. Loftus about training at the next meeting.

Commissioner Maciel said she was having trouble understanding why only one Taser was used.

Commissioner Adams said she was uncomfortable making policy recommendations regarding ammunition.

Chairwoman Roberts said RPD would be asked to give training to answer the questions.

Commissioner Adams said that with several officers there, she didn't understand why some other action wasn't taken rather than shooting.

Commissioner Ortiz asked for training regarding the effective use of Tasers because some statements implied that Mr. Ledezma was hit, while others say that he was only hit with one dart.

Commissioner Taylor said that the incident escalated very quickly, that Mr. Ledezma became more belligerent rather than less, and that because of this, the officers felt there was a clear and present danger and the need to use deadly force.

Chairwoman Roberts said they also needed to take into consideration the officers' amount of time on the force. She asked that commissioners send Mr. Hauptmann any questions they might have before next meeting.

Vice-Chair Jackson, in response to Commissioner Maciel's question, said that there were three officers at the scene. One chose the Taser, the other two chose guns. She said that what was going through the officers' minds will never be known. Could officers have used a different method to deal with the incident? She said she didn't know.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Hauptmann informed Commissioners that the Dunbar OID was on the website and that the Bond OID would be coming soon, too. He asked that they review Dunbar if possible.

### **Commission Member Comments**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Commissioner Adams reminded the Commission that the Walk with the Mayor is Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and would begin at Farmer Boys on Pierce Avenue.

Commissioner Taylor said he participated in "Keep Riverside Beautiful" on May 11, attended the Chili Cook-Off, and the Congressional Announcement by Councilman Steve Adams.

Commissioner Rotker said he went to the RPD shooting range, was able to see officer range training, and was also able to participate. He urged all commissioners to observe and participate, noting that it was an eye-opener.

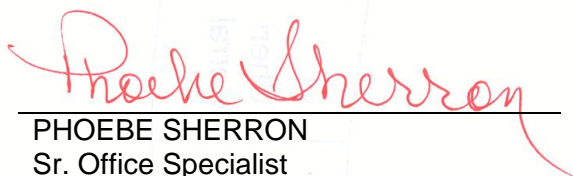
### **Items for Future Commission Consideration**

Commissioner Rotker asked if the Commission would be briefed on the latest OID at the next meeting. Mr. Hauptmann said he would contact Asst. Chief Vicino about setting it up.

### **Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sr. Office Specialist

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